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Inventor Application of:

Examiner: P. Prebilic

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Examiner Prebilic:

This is a response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2002, which has a shortened statutory period for response that ended November 1, 2002. The enclosed petition requests a two-month extension of time, extending the period for response to January 1, 2003.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 1, 2002 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. No new matter is presented, and no new issues are raised which would require further consideration and/or search. Claims 1-11 and 21-25 are respectfully submitted for consideration.